

AGENDA

Meeting: Melksham Area Board
Place: The Assembly Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES
Date: Wednesday 9 March 2022
Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Broughton Gifford, Melksham, Melksham Without, Steeple Ashton, Keevil, Great Hinton and Semington

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Cllr Nick Holder, Bowerhill
Cllr Jon Hubbard, Melksham South
Cllr Jack Oatley, Melksham Forest
Cllr Mike Sankey, Melksham East
Cllr Jonathon Seed, Melksham Without West & Rural

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	Time
<p>1 Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements (<i>Pages 1 - 12</i>)</p> <p>Chairman's Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election to Wiltshire Youth Council – Jedidah Mundia (13) and Tom Hiscocks (17) from Melksham Oak School • Climate strategy and GBI infrastructure plan • Great British Spring Clean • The Queen's Platinum Jubilee • Support to Ukraine • New cycling and walking facility will link Hilperton and Melksham on mostly traffic-free route 	<p>7:00pm</p>
<p>2 Apologies for Absence</p>	
<p>3 Minutes (<i>Pages 13 - 22</i>)</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 December 2021</p>	
<p>4 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee</p>	
<p>5 Police Update (<i>Pages 23 - 30</i>)</p> <p>Inspector Gill Hughes / Sergeant James Twyford</p>	
<p>6 Fire & Rescue Update (<i>Pages 31 - 36</i>)</p> <p>Station Manager Dave Geddes</p>	
<p>7 Clackers Brook Restoration Plan</p> <p>Nick Wilson - Wiltshire Wildlife Trust</p>	

8 **Campus update plus display boards**

Louise Cary - Head of Capital Projects, Wiltshire Council

9 **Tree Planting Project**

David Turrell - Oakley Farm, Lower Woodrow

10 **Sub Group Reports** (*Pages 37 - 68*)

Community Area Transport Group

- To note recommendations from CATG meeting held on 24 February
- Dates of future meetings: 5 May, 4 August, 27 October, 2 February

Health and Wellbeing Group

- To note recommendations from HWG meeting on 24 February
- Introduction to David Walker, Carers Champion for Melksham

11 **End of year budget status**

12 **Grant Applications** (*Pages 69 - 72*)

Community Grants

- Bowerhill Scouts requesting £7,000 towards "Scout and About" project to purchase a minibus
- Friends of Shurnhold Fields requesting £750 for replanting of 200 saplings in WW1 Wood
- Spurgeons requesting £1,000 towards Canberra Centre Community Garden Project

Youth Grants

- 4Youth (SW) requesting £4,855 towards the expansion and delivery of Thursday youth club for young people aged 13-19 years
- Spurgeons requesting £500 towards Canberra Centre Parent Support Project
- Melksham Amateur Swimming Club requesting £750 towards Vital Swim Teacher Training

Health and Wellbeing Grants

- Melksham Free Dining requesting £1,700 for the “Coming Together to Dine With Us” project to support the costs of free lunches and after-meal social activities for the elderly and vulnerable
- Young Carers event – allocate a further £2,750 for a young carers event in Autumn 2022

Projects carried forward from 2021/22 to 2022/23

- Young Carers event – carry forward the sum of £2,750 for a young carers event in Autumn 2022, delayed due to the pandemic
- Public Open Spaces Network Fund – carry forward the sum of £10,588, to encourage community environmental action

13 **Partner Updates** (*Pages 73 - 80*)

To note written partner updates

14 **Public Questions**

Members of the public are invited to ask questions relating to Area Board business

15 **Close**

9:00pm

Wiltshire Council



NEWS RELEASE

11 February 2022

For immediate release

Youth candidates prepare to take their seats following successful election campaign

Forty one young people from across Wiltshire are preparing to take their seats on the first ever Wiltshire Youth Council following a successful election campaign.

89 candidates from 21 schools and the local community took part in the election process with almost 5,000 votes cast across the county. The elections ran from 31 January to 4 February and young people voted online via their school to selected their preferred candidate.

The successful candidates were informed this week and now are being advised of the next steps to having their say in local democracy. A total of 4972 student voted across the county.

Wiltshire Youth Councillors will:

- Meet up with Wiltshire Council leaders and have their say on local decisions.
- Work with area boards to ensure funding for youth projects has the right impact for them and their peers.
- Inspect services to ensure they represent young people's best interests.
- Communicate with their peers so young people's views are properly represented.
- Opportunity to shadow council leaders as a shadow youth cabinet member for a particular area of interest.

Youth councillors will be asked to commit one evening per month to attend a full youth council meeting, which will focus on issues important to the young people. They will also be expected to talk to their peers about the issues and represent their views. There will also be training to support them in their roles, covering topics including debating, running a youth inspection and delivering presentations.

Wiltshire Youth Council has also recruited Special Advisors, these are young people that ensure that the views of the underrepresented are heard. There will be Special

Advisors that champion different causes such as young carers, children in care, LGBTQ+ young people and military families.

Cllr Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children's Services said: "Congratulations to everyone who took part in this process and well done to those who were successfully appointed. Having your voice to champion causes which are important to you and your peers is key to our work and I look forward to working with you in the future."

Lily and Dennis are the Wiltshire Youth Councillors for John of Gaunt School in Trowbridge.

Lily, aged 13, said she'd wanted to put herself forward to campaign for a number of areas including equality and environmental issues. She said: "I'm very happy to be selected. I'm most looking forward to helping people in my new role."

Dennis, aged 11 said: "There are so many problems in the community and I wanted to do something about them instead of waiting for someone else to do something. I didn't expect to win the election because I don't know many people the same age as me going for election so I was surprised but happy to be successful."

You can also follow the child and youth voice team on Facebook [\(6\) Wiltshire Youth Union | Facebook](#) and Instagram [Wiltshire Youth Union \(@wiltshireyouthunion\) • Instagram photos and videos](#).

Cabinet approves Climate Strategy and Natural Environment Plan

Wiltshire Council's Cabinet has today (Tuesday 1 February) approved the council's Climate Strategy and Green & Blue Infrastructure Strategy, Wiltshire's Natural Environment Plan - two documents that will help to shape the next five years of the council's carbon reduction and environmental plans.

Pending approval by Full Council on 15 February, both documents will now be used as frameworks for all forthcoming council policies and plans, to ensure the council is on track to meet its pledge to make Wiltshire Council carbon neutral by 2030, and its ambition to make the county of Wiltshire carbon neutral.

Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, said: These two strategies show just how seriously we are taking the climate emergency and the need to safeguard Wiltshire's countryside and support nature's recovery.

We know that we have much more to do, but these strategies will help to guide us as we ensure that environmental considerations and carbon reduction are at the core of everything we do.

But we can't do this alone, and I'd urge our town, parishes and communities to get involved and make changes that will help us to reduce carbon emissions across Wiltshire as we aim to make the county carbon neutral.

At the same meeting, Cabinet also received an update on the council's progress on carbon reduction over the past six months. Some of the highlights include:

- A new green energy contract for schools so they can access green energy at a competitive rate; 128 schools have signed up so far.
- Thanks to sustained investment in solar panels, in 2020/21 the council generated 450,135 kWh renewable electricity on its own estate, a 39% increase on the previous financial year.
- Two successful grant applications to Natural England totalling £10,000 to support the development of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy, plus evidence mapping for habitats across Wiltshire and Swindon.
- All eight household recycling centres (HRCs) operated by FCC now provide separate labelled walk-in containers where residents and site staff can store good-quality items suitable for reuse or refurbishment, such as furniture. Many of these items are made available to charities, which refurbish and re-sell them or donate to families in need. Between April and September 2021, 90 tonnes of items were reused.
- An action planning day was held for town and parish councils to empower them to make practical changes in their communities.
- A new solar panel bulk buying scheme that will enable Wiltshire residents to get high quality solar panels at a lower cost.

- The ongoing #WiltsCanDoThis behaviour change social media campaign has been seen more than 1.1 million times.
- The launch of a scheme that enables Wiltshire households with an income of £30,000 or less, and living in a property that is rated D, E, F or G for energy efficiency, the chance to access up to £10,000 for improvements such as insulation, solar panels and double glazing.
- So far 57 council homes have been retrofitted to improve their energy efficiency rating, with measures such as intelligent hot water cylinders, solar panels and high heat retaining storage heaters.
- The council's first Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan has been approved, and funding has been identified and approved for a number of electric vehicle charging points in the county.
- The council is replacing several vehicles, with many of them anticipated to be electric.
- An order for new electric and non-electric bikes for council staff has been placed with a local bike charity to help reduce car miles and carbon emissions.

To read the Cabinet reports, people should go to <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=13780>

Take part in the Great British Spring Clean this March and April in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council is encouraging local groups and organisations to take part in the Great British Spring Clean this year, from 25 March-10 April.

Groups across the county are urged to sign up on the Great British Spring Clean website and join in to help clean up the county from unsightly litter. Though please note that litter picks in the Salisbury area are not encouraged - here, the advice from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) remains 'if you didn't drop it, then don't pick it up'.

Litter picking equipment has been provided by Wiltshire Council to town and parish councils and local community groups across the county, so people should contact their local town or parish council see if they have any equipment to borrow and if they are hosting a clean-up event to support.

Where possible, volunteers should dispose of bagged waste in their usual household black bins or a public litter bin that has sufficient capacity.

For large events that could collect more than 10 bags black bags full of waste, the council can arrange single collection following the event. To arrange this, people should email streetscene@wiltshire.gov.uk a minimum of 10 days before the event with as much information about the event as possible and contact details of the event organiser. Any large items or suspected fly-tips should be left where they are and reported to the council on the MyWilts app.

Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Transport and Waste, said: The Great British Spring Clean is a fantastic opportunity for our communities to get involved in making a difference in their area.

We have provided more than 1,500 litter pickers and 1,500 pairs of gloves to local town and parish councils, so people should go there to borrow the equipment for their event. They can also sign up on the Great British Spring Clean website, so others can join in on the picks in their community.

It would also be great if people shared photos of their events on social media using the hashtag #GBSCWilts - and we'll share the best.

We'd ask that groups in the Salisbury area adhere to the latest UKSHA advice and not take part in litter picks; but people can get involved in every other area of the county to help keep Wiltshire clean.

I hope that community groups from around the county can take part and help to keep Wiltshire beautiful.

For the Salisbury area, a UKHSA spokesperson said: As a precaution, UKHSA continues to advise the public not to pick up any items. The advice remains 'if you didn't drop it, then don't pick it up'.

People can register their event on the Great British Spring Clean website at www.keepbritaintidy.org or find out more at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-environment-great-british-spring-clean

**The Queens Platinum Jubilee
Briefing Note**

Service: Enforcement, Highways Operations

Further Enquiries: Kevin Oliver, Events Authorising Officer

Date Prepared: December 2021

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

1. Purpose

1.1 To update Area Boards on arrangements to support communities to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

2. Background

2.1 In 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee (70 years of service) having acceded to the throne in February 1952.

2.2 An extended Bank Holiday, from Thursday 02 June - Sunday 05 June 2022 will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone by means of community street parties.

2.3 These four days of celebration will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on the Queen's 70 years of service.

2.4 Similar events took place in 2012 for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, with many communities holding street parties, barbeques and tea parties in honour of the milestone. Wiltshire Council have specified previous guidance and relevant officers will follow the same process as used in 2012.

3. Procedure and management of applications

3.1 Wiltshire Council has a robust and straightforward system in place to ensure that communities wishing to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are signposted to the council's web page where they will find the appropriate tools, support and guidance to apply to hold a street party. See here – [Platinum Jubilee celebrations – useful information and guidance](#)

3.2 The application process will be a combined departmental effort, as with previous events of this nature.

3.3 The council's Traffic Orders, and Highways teams will need time to ensure that all road closure notices and provisions are in place to allow for a safe and enjoyable event for all guests, while maintaining and facilitating access for emergency services at all times. A minimum of eight weeks' notice is required to process applications if a road closure order is required.

3.4 The council is committed to managing this process utilising a cross departmental approach. Such departments will include the Community Engagement Managers, Traffic Orders, Communications, Highways, Streetscene, Wiltshire Police and Waste.

4. Conclusion

4.1 Relevant council departments are aware of the importance that street parties are to the residents of Wiltshire to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

4.2 Planning in preparation to support these activities is well underway to ensure communities will have what they need to celebrate this unique occasion.

Briefing Note produced by Kevin Oliver (Events Authorising Officer)

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Support for Ukraine

Our thoughts go out to everyone affected by the utterly heartbreaking scenes we are seeing in Ukraine, following the country's invasion by Russia.

We'd like to thank everyone locally who is doing what they can to provide support and rallying behind the people of Ukraine, letting them know they are not alone.

There are a number of options locally and nationally for you to provide support and ensure it can benefit those directly affected by the ongoing conflict.

This page lists some of the ways that you can provide support. Although not an exhaustive list, we will look to keep it updated as much as possible with further support routes as and when we are made aware of them.

As well as donating funding, we are hearing in particular that people that are stuck at the borders need the likes of medication, plasters, and other medical materials to cover wounds, medication for children, power banks and thermal blankets. More information can be found below.

As a council we are in regular contact with central Government and are ready to provide any support that we can, and although it's too early to say what that might be at this stage, we'll update when we can.

The Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee Crisis Appeal

The Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal is providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, shelter, healthcare and protection.

Donating to the Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal ensures the people of Ukraine get the support they need and that donations go to those directly affected by the conflict.

Disaster emergency committee charities are in Ukraine and neighbouring countries working hard to meet the needs of all refugees and displaced people. All donations will be gratefully received and below are some examples of how charities say the money could be spent:

- £30 could provide essential hygiene supplies for three people for one month
- £50 could provide blankets for four families
- £100 could provide emergency food for two families for one month

[Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal](#)

National charities collecting for Ukraine

Global Giving

GlobalGiving is a nonprofit organisation that supports other [nonprofits](#) by connecting them to [donors](#) and [companies](#). There are 39 organisations listed on their website that are supporting Ukraine.

[Search GlobalGiving](#)

IFAW International Fund for Animal Welfare

IFAW rush emergency aid to provide pet food, veterinary supplies, and wages for daily care staff to both shelters in Ukraine, and help protect other animals around the world.

[IFAW \(International Fund for Animal Welfare\) - Ukraine donations](#)

The British Red Cross

The British Red Cross has launched an [emergency fundraising appeal](#) in response to the intensification of fighting in Ukraine.

As the security situation allows, the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will continue to respond to existing and emerging humanitarian

needs. The Red Cross has supported people affected by this conflict for years and this will not stop now.

Your donation could help someone affected get:

- food
- water
- first aid
- medicines
- warm clothes
- shelter

[Ukraine Crisis Appeal British Red Cross](#)

UN Refugee Agency

The UN Refugee Agency is working with local authorities and other partners in Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance.

donate.unrefugees.org.uk

UNICEF

UNICEF is especially concerned for the safety and wellbeing of children who have become separated from their families.

[Ukraine crisis: donate now - Unicef UK](#)

Wiltshire support for Ukraine

Dawid Fedyk is leading a project to collect donated items and transport them to Poland to help Ukrainian refugees who have fled across the boarder. These are priority items: first aid equipment, hygiene products, batteries, power banks, torches, medicines, nappies, dog and cat food, pet supplies beds, coats etc, warm boots and new underwear.

Donations will be sent to Poland every week to a hostel in Kgierz and a volunteer centre in Lodz to help Ukrainian refugees. Every

item donated will go directly into hands of the Ukrainian people in need.

Items needed are:

- First aid equipment
- Batteries
- Torches
- Power banks
- Dog and cat food
- Pet accessories (bowls, toys, pet beds)
- Childrens and baby clothes (nappies)
- Clothes (coats, warm boots, new underwear etc)
- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Hygienic products (toothbrush, handwash, tampons etc)
- Medicine (painkillers, bandage, plasters etc)
- Food with long expiry dates (rice, pasta, canned food)
- Childrens toys, teddies

Donated items can be taken to the following drop of points:

Chippenham

Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community, the Constituency Office is no longer accepting donations. Thank you to those that have donated.

Constituency Office - No longer accepting donations

61, New Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire

3pm -5pm Monday - Thursday (please contact the [Conservative Constituency Office](#) if you need to discuss out of hours options)

Melksham

Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community, Melksham Town Hall is no longer accepting donations. Thank you to those that have donated.

Melksham Town Hall - No longer accepting donations

Market Place, Melksham

01225 704187

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm. Extended hours on Thursday 3 March only 8am - 8pm

Trowbridge

Due to the overwhelming generosity from the community, Castle Place Leisure Centre and Skin Aesthetic Beauty Salon are no longer accepting donations . Thank you to those that have donated.

[Castle Place Leisure Centre](#) - No longer accepting donations
Level 5a, Multi Storey Car Park, Trowbridge

Skin Aesthetic Beauty Salon - No longer accepting donations
30 Roundstone Street, Trowbridge, BA14 8DE

Westbury

Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community, Daykins Estate Agents is no longer accepting donations. Thank you to those that have donated.

Daykins Estate Agents - No longer accepting donations
Unit 4 Rockhaven Business Park, Commerce Close, Westbury
BA13 4FZ
01373 476 447

Government advice

Visit the gov.uk webpages for [support for family members of British nationals in Ukraine, and Ukrainian nationals in Ukraine and the UK](#)
GOV.UK Guidance for family members of British nationals, UK settled persons and certain others to come to or stay in the UK under the Ukraine Family Scheme.

7 March 2022

For immediate release

New cycling and walking facility will link Hilperton and Melksham on mostly traffic-free route

Wiltshire Council is starting work on a new cycling and walking facility later this month that will enable people to walk or cycle between Hilperton and Melksham on a mostly traffic-free route.

The route will begin at Devizes Road, Hilperton, where cyclists can head down this lightly trafficked, quiet road, before joining the existing shared use path from Devizes Road to the access to byway HILP21, by Trowbridge Rugby Club. This byway is being upgraded to provide extra space for cyclists and pedestrians, as well as improving access to and from the shared use path for cycles.

The route then follows the byways HILP21, HILP22 and SEMI9A to meet St George's Road in Semington. All of the byways will be resurfaced using a surface dressing that is suitable for cyclists, pedestrians and horse-riders. The drainage on the byways will also be improved, but to minimise the impact on local wildlife, the byways will not be lit.

From St George's Road in Semington, the route will continue through High Street and Semington Road, where it will link with the Toucan crossing on the A350, which will be upgraded and access will be improved.

Cllr Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: "This new cycling and walking facility will make it easier and safer for people to travel between Hilperton and Melksham without using a car.

"The new route also meets some of our key business plan priorities, helping to create better connected, healthier communities, and reducing carbon emissions.

"Of course, we recognise that some cyclists will still choose to use the A350 to commute between Hilperton and Melksham, but for those that don't wish to do so, this new scheme will provide a safer, quieter route – particularly for families.

"We know that this route is popular with horse riders, and that's why we've taken steps to ensure the byways are suitable for them as well as cyclists and pedestrians.

"We're looking forward to this new facility opening in the summer."

The work is due to start on Monday 28 March and will be split into four phases. The first phase will see work on Devizes Road and A361 Hilperton until 22 April, with Devizes Road towards the A361 roundabout closed to traffic from 28 March to 9 April, and two-way signals in place on the A361 from 4-22 April.

Phase two will see work on the byways from 26 April to 13 May, and the byways will be closed during this time. The third phase will see work on Semington Road from 13 May to 3 June, with the road closed during this time. The final phase will see works on the A350 Western Way Toucan crossing from 6 June to 1 July, with lane closures and a temporary reduced speed limit on the A350, plus some evening road closures for carriageway resurfacing.

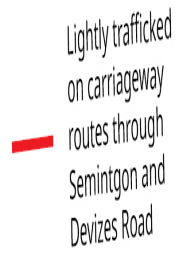
To find out more about this and other active travel schemes, people should go to:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-new-active-travel-schemes

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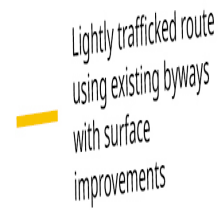
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Upgraded Toucan crossing



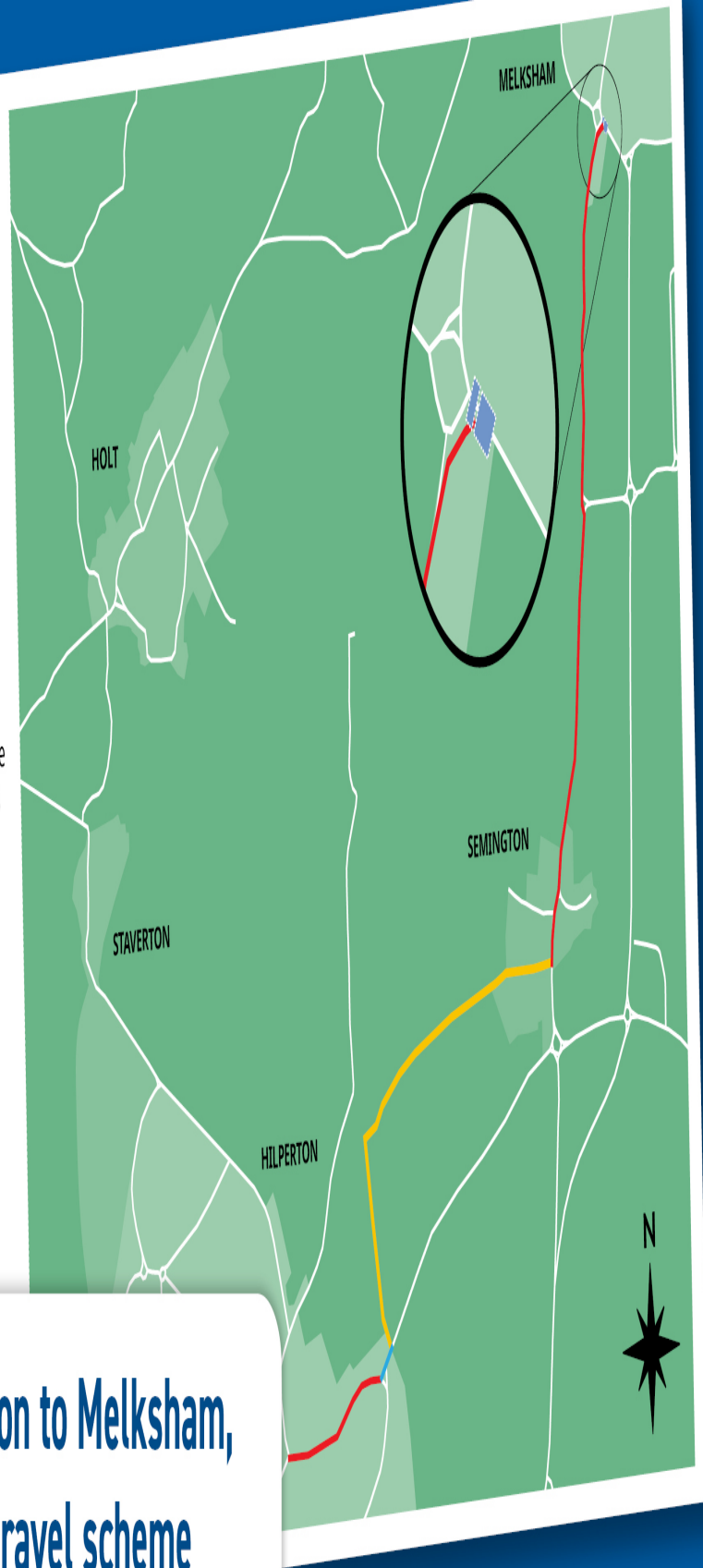
Lightly trafficked on carriageway routes through Semington and Devizes Road



Lightly trafficked route using existing byways with surface improvements



Shared use



Hilperton to Melksham, active travel scheme

Wiltshire Council

MINUTES

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Phil Alford (Chairman), Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Jack Oatley,
Cllr Mike Sankey and Cllr Jonathon Seed

Wiltshire Council Officers

Steve Wilson – Major Highways Project Engineer
Peter Dunford – Community Engagement Manager
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

Russell Holland - Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

Total in attendance: 34

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
35	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Melksham Area Board meeting.</p> <p>The Melksham Area Board members were introduced.</p> <p>The following Chairman's Announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to Wiltshire's taxi tariffs • Update on leisure centre transfer to WC • Wiltshire Youth Council update • Official opening of Melksham Skate Park • Campus build update • Melksham House update • Future plans for Melksham
36	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>
37	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 September 2021 were confirmed as the correct record
38	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
39	<p><u>Police Update</u></p> <p>Sergeant James Twyford gave an update on behalf of the Trowbridge Community Policing Team.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a Warrant was executed on 17th November in Forest; a quantity of Cannabis and £2000 cash from the proceeds of Drug Dealing was

	<p>seized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a Youth was being Charged with an Arson attack on a Garage in Mills Road in October. That Police had received a fantastic response from the Community in terms of willingness to provide evidence that had secured a Guilty Plea to the offence. • That Gavin and George Quinn had appeared in Court Charged with ABH, following an attack on a member of public in Church Street. • Youth-related ASB in the Town Centre. A small group had caused a number of investigations to commence. Police were looking to address the general behaviour exhibited by the group. • Op Elf was now running throughout the Christmas Period. This was a proactive Operation run to tackle Shoplifters. • That Night Time Economy issues were again at the forefront in the leadup to Christmas. Officers from the Neighbourhood Team, supported by colleagues from Response, would be conducting Licensing Checks on venues and addressing issues related to the Night Time Economy at peak times. • That speeding would be targeted on Skylark Road by local teams. <p>The Chairman thanked Sergeant Twyford for his update.</p>
40	<p><u>Fire & Rescue Update</u></p> <p>The written update contained in the agenda pack was noted.</p>
41	<p><u>Christie Miller Demolition</u></p> <p>Cllr Phil Alford advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities Management at WC were currently procuring the contractor for the demolition. The detail of the method and approach would be finalised with the successful contractor once they had been appointed. • There was likely to be some occasional disruption to the operation of the Household Recycling Centre but Wiltshire Council were liaising with the waste team to minimise this and to ensure timely and appropriate communications goes out to the community as and when necessary. • Once demolished, the site would be left vacant until such time as it was redeveloped, at which point all of the normal processes (e.g. planning

	<p>process, consideration by Area Board etc) would take place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The demolition removed the holding costs such as NNDR (rates), utilities etc. • The cost of the demolition was off-set by the increase in capital value of the site.
42	<p><u>A350 Bypass Update</u></p> <p>Steve Wilson - Major Highways Project Engineer, Wiltshire Council gave an update on the A350 Bypass.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>That the Wiltshire Council Cabinet had received a report on the Melksham A350 improvement scheme at its meeting on 30 November 2021. Cabinet resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response to the second public consultation and the views of the town and local parish councils and others were noted and taken into account in the scheme development. • In view of the comments made in response to the consultations the route variants should be the subject of further investigation and consultation as appropriate after the OBC had been approved. • The possibility of improving walking and cycling facilities in the area in conjunction with the scheme or separately should continued to be explored. • That further consideration should be given to the scheme when the results of National Highways' M4 to Dorset Connectivity study and the DfT's comments on the OBC were available. <p>Second non-statutory consultation Key findings / messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divergence of opinion between those who support the need for an improvement to the A350 and those who do not. • Concerns regarding potential impacts on countryside habitats and the environment. Also carbon and climate change implications. • Concerns regarding noise and air quality impacts. • Concerns regarding impacts on wildlife.

- Importance held by local communities regarding access to the countryside.
- Concerns regarding impacts on mental and physical well being.
- Alternative route suggestions.

Second non-statutory consultation route variations

- North - suggestions for alternative “pylon route”.
- East – suggestions to move route further from Redstocks
- South – suggestions for route to be moved further from Bowerhill with screening.
- Further consultation needed.

Key Next Steps (short term)

- Outline Business Case to be submitted to DfT - (December 2021)
- Develop Carbon Management Plan to supplement OBC (new requirement from DfT - (January – March 2022)
- Monitor any feedback from DfT and respond to any technical queries / challenges they may raise - (from January 2022)
- Undertake further non-statutory consultation in connection with suggested route variants - (say May / June 2022)
- Consider feedback / output from National Highways study and what implications that may have for A350 Melksham Scheme (Late summer 2022)

Indicative Timeline (longer term)

- Outline Business Case approval - (Autumn 2022)
- Environmental investigations & survey works - (From Autumn 2022)
- Detailed design development - (From Autumn 2022)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning submission including Environmental Impact Assessment - (Winter 2024) • Full Business Case development - (2026) • Construction period - (2026 – 2028) • Scheme opening - (2028) <p>The Chairman thanked Steve Wilson for his update.</p>
43	<p><u>Wilts and Berks Canal - restoration update</u></p> <p>Paul Lenaerts & Ian Britton - Wilts & Berks Canal Trust gave an update on plans to re-instate the Wilts & Berks Canal through the Melksham Community area. Consultation had been carried out with the community in Berryfield on a masterplan and the canal alignment, where most respondents favoured a route through Berryfield itself rather than to bypass it to the west.</p> <p>Understandably nobody wanted hundreds of new houses, but it was felt that new housing would probably be inevitable at some point in the future so it was better to gain as much community benefit as possible.</p> <p>All thought about what they considered as being needed most in the area and rated the elements of the masterplan with the most popular items as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctors' Surgery • School • Children's Play Area • Pub • Recreation Ground <p>Other ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shops, particularly a convenience store • Dentist • Care Home • Camping/glamping site • Hotel <p>There were also discussions about what other things were important to residents and how to soften the impact of any new housing in the area, and also where they would prefer to see some of the elements of the masterplan.</p>

	<p>Residents liked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The idea of overlooking green spaces, canal or marina (rather than new housing) • Being able to continue going for walks in local green spaces in addition to the new canal walk. • The idea of visiting the wetland area <p>Position of elements close to or in Berryfield:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Play area • Doctor <p>Position of elements close to the bulk of the new housing area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School • Recreation Ground • Pub • Shop • Care Home <p>The Chairman thanked Paul Lenaerts & Ian Britton for their update.</p>
44	<p><u>Proposal for a special "Younger Persons" themed meeting of the Area Board to be held in February 2022</u></p> <p>It was agreed to defer this item for discussion outside the meeting.</p>
45	<p><u>Sub Group reports</u></p> <p>i) Community Area Transport Group – Cllr Jonathon Seed</p> <p>Points made by Cllr Jonathon Seed included:</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on the 25 November were agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue 9-21-5 – Littlemarsh old section of A350 – Speeding, littering and anti-social behaviour - that this Issue be added to the Priority Schemes list and to allocate £250 towards costs. • Issue 9-21-8 – Melksham – Shared use path between Dorset Crescent and Heather Avenue – request for bollard to deter access by cars - that

this Issue be added to the Priority Schemes list and to allocate £250 towards costs.

A vote of thanks was given in recognition of the ongoing and excellent work of Mark Stansby, Senior Highways Engineer, in helping to resolve various highways matters in parishes across the community area.

ii) Health and Wellbeing Group – Cllr Nick Holder

Points made by Cllr Nick Holder included:

Interviews had been held on 29 November with 2 applicants who had expressed interest in the vacant position of Older Persons and Carers Champion for Melksham. No appointment had been made to date and recruitment efforts would continue.

A postholder is sought who can:

- Talk to and seek the views of older people or carers in the local community on matters related to services provided by the Council or NHS and represent these views at the area board.
- Advocate for older people or carers and be a focal point for identifying what service improvements or developments are required.
- Provide a focus for the exchange of views and information between older people or carers and the Council's adult care and housing services.
- Work with the Area Board on service improvements and developments to meet the needs of people in the Melksham community area.

iii) Recognition & Plaques for Area Board related funding projects – Cllr Holder

To raise the profile of the area board grant schemes.

Decision

- **That all awards of grant funding by Wiltshire Area Boards are subject to the conditions set out in the Area Board Funding Criteria. This specifies that applicants must acknowledge Wiltshire Council's financial support in any publicity, printed or website material and use the Council's approved logo in doing so.**
- **In addition and where appropriate, the Melksham Area Board**

	<p>requires that capital projects funded by the board should recognise this by way of a plaque to commemorate the funding contribution.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Seed and Cllr Holder for their respective updates.</p>
46	<p><u>Applications for Grant Funding</u></p> <p>Community Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ Church, Shaw awarded £5,000 towards reordering and redecoration to form a community hub • Riverside Club awarded £2,895 towards improvements to the existing kitchen • Melksham Station Hub awarded £1,500 towards fitting weatherproof blinds to the canopy and improved signage • Independent Living Centre awarded £2,300 towards replacement of oil tank and removal of bees nest in chimney • Cllr Hubbard awarded £2,075 towards cycling support in Melksham • Melksham Cricket Club awarded £5,000 towards new cricket playing astro <p>Health and Wellbeing Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alzheimers Support awarded £782 for the “Movement for the Mind” project for local people with dementia
47	<p><u>Public questions</u></p> <p>There were no public questions.</p>
48	<p><u>Close</u></p>

Trowbridge CPT Area Board Update



Agenda Item 4

January 2022



Your CPT - Trowbridge

Inspector: Gill Hughes

Neighbourhood Sergeants:

Sgt James Twyford (Bradford on Avon, Melksham)

Sgt Charly Chilton (Trowbridge)

Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Louis Bowden (Bradford on Avon)

PC Jennifer Miller (Melksham)

PC Alan Paterson (Melksham)

PC Helen Daveridge, (Trowbridge)

PCSOs:

Laura Wallace, Maria Badder (Bradford on Avon)

David Rowley, Luke Hosken, Janet Gould (Melksham)

Liam Wilkins, Kerena Walters, Jack Thomas, Oliver Gilmour, Sophie Piper, Robyn

Dentry, Tom Storm (Trowbridge)

Performance – 12 months to December 2021

Force

- Wiltshire Police recorded crime has been stable with a slight increase by 2.2% in the 12 months to December 2021 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 12.7% reduction in vehicle crime and a reduction of 11.2% in residential burglaries in the 12 months to December 2021.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In November 2021, we received:
 - 8,787 '999' calls, (answered within 8 seconds on average);
 - 10,035 '101' calls, (answered within 8 seconds on average);
 - 10,567 'CRIB' calls, (answered within 1 minute 36 seconds on average).
- In December 2021, we also attended 1,736 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 12 seconds on average.

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	39,573	100.0
Violence without injury	6,988	17.7
Violence with injury	5,805	14.7
Criminal damage	4,955	12.5
Stalking and harassment	4,098	10.3
Public order offences	3,699	9.4
Other crime type	14,028	35.4

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Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	5,447	100.0
Violence without injury	1,075	19.7
Violence with injury	876	16.1
Criminal damage	729	13.4
Stalking and harassment	559	10.3
Public order offences	498	9.1
Other crime type	1,710	31.4

Stop and Search information for Trowbridge CPT

During the 12 months leading to November 2021, 258 stop and searches were conducted in the Trowbridge area of which 67.4% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 67.4% of these searches, no object was found. In 32.6% of cases, an object was found. Of these cases 72.9% resulted in a no further action disposal; 33.1% resulted in police action being taken; 8.5% resulted in an arrest.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity:

- White – 224 stop and searches.
- Mixed Ethnicity – 5 stop and searches
- Black or Black British – 13 stop and searches
- Asian or Asian British – 1 stop and search

Performance – Hate Crime overview

Force

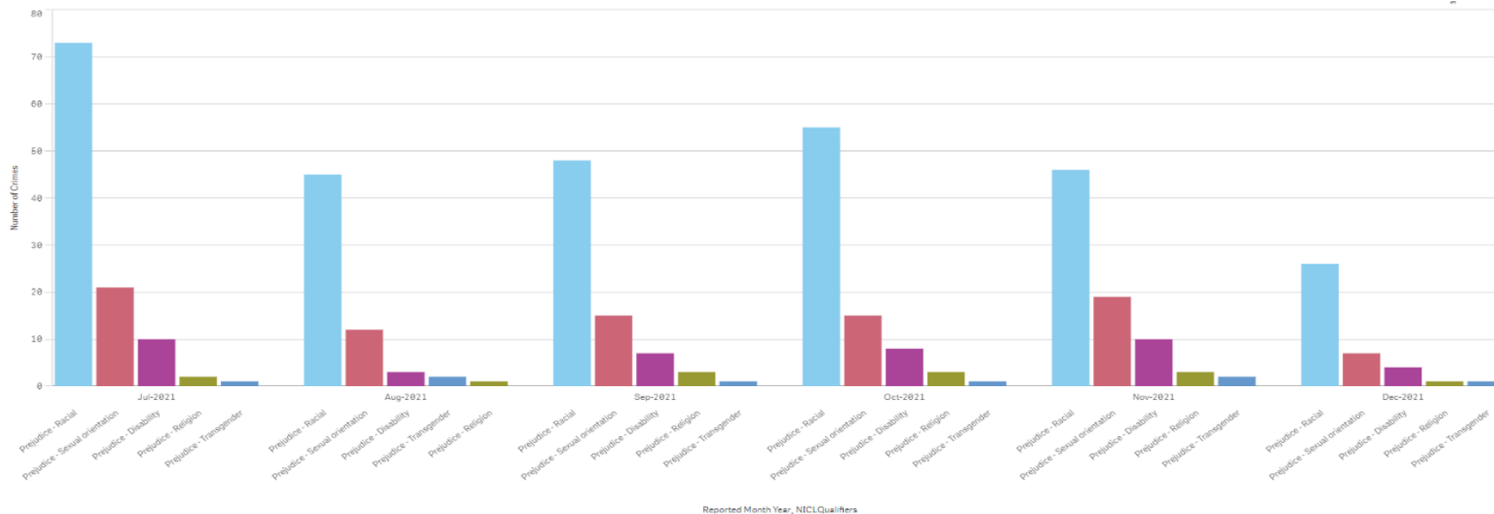
- Hate Crime across force in December has reported a decrease with only 36 crimes reported split across all 5 strands (versus avg of 66.8 over 24 month period). The decrease is reflected in all crimes across force, possibly attributed to reduced activity across the festive period.
- Due to restrictions since Covid pandemic, seasonal trends have been skewed, however across Racial and Sexual orientation strands (strands with more notable volumes) are showing signs of returning to expected seasonal highs and lows.

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	Number of Crimes	Change (n)	Change (%)
Total	105	5	5.0%
Prejudice – Racial	62	6	10.7%
Prejudice – Sexual orientation	23	5	27.8%
Prejudice - Disability	13	-12	-48.0%
Prejudice - Religion	5	3	150.0%
Prejudice - Transgender	2	-1	-33.3%

Year on year comparison November 2020 to December 2021 (note: an individual crime can be tagged with more than one prejudice type e.g. sexual orientation & transgender)

Force Hate Crime (6 months to December 2021)



Reported Month Year, NIQLQualifiers



Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Youth ASB in Melksham	The two most prolific perpetrators are now under the Youth Offending Team following receipt of Youth Conditional Cautions. Neither have come to notice since this time. There is still evidence of ASB around Waitrose and the Littlebrook Centre, so this will remain a focus.
Thefts along the Kennet and Avon Tow Path	There has been a small spate of Generator Thefts along the Tow Path. We are proactively targeting this issue and making efforts to work with the live-aboard community and the Canal & River Trust in response to this.
Drugs Warrants	The Team have executed two Drugs Warrants in recent weeks. Cannabis was recovered from the first property on Littlejohn Avenue and Crack Cocaine was recovered from the second property in Vines Court. Two adult males are under investigation whilst secondary enquiries are completed.



Useful links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- Police.uk - <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Trowbridge Community Policing Team area, visit <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/police-forces/wiltshire-police/areas/about-us/about-us/cpts/trowbridge-cpt/> to view a crime and incident map and find links to more detailed data

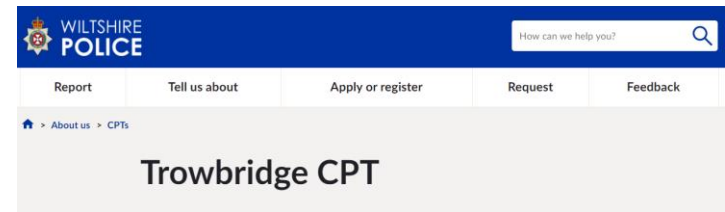
Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** – www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Follow your CPT on social media

- [Trowbridge Police Facebook](#)
- [Trowbridge Police Twitter](#)
- [Melksham Police Facebook](#)
- [Bradford on Avon Facebook](#)

Find out more information on your CPT area at: www.wiltshire.police.uk and here www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk



CPT Trowbridge covers the areas of Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon and surrounding areas

To contact your CPT about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email TrowbridgeAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7.

You are unable to report crimes of any type via email and please do not report any situations that require an urgent response. In the case of an emergency please contact 999 and for non-urgent crimes and incidents, please call 101 or [Report a crime here](#)

You see a map of crimes in the Trowbridge area [by visiting www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)





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DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;
<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

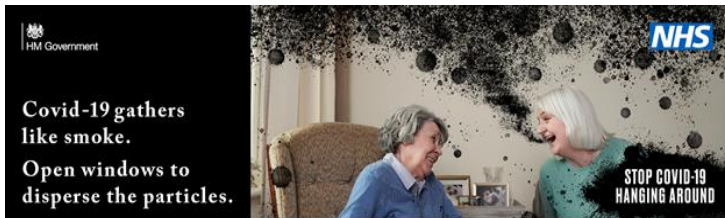
A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

General Enquiries

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

Fire Safety Complaint

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at enforcement@dwfire.org.uk
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

On Call Recruitment

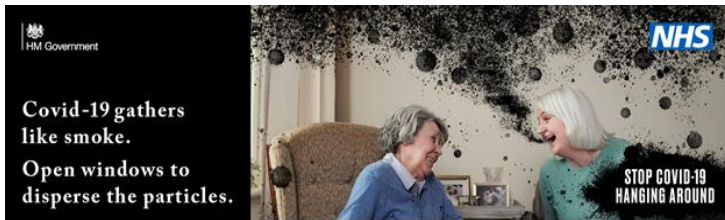
Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 40 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



Recent News & Events

Fire services to continue vital role in supporting ambulance crews to save lives



Since the early stages of the pandemic, firefighters have been working with ambulance crews from South Western Ambulance Service to assist during medical emergencies. The partnership has led to countless lives being saved and received praise from government and royalty.

With the current winter pressures on the NHS and surge in Omicron cases, this arrangement has been extended and will now continue until April 2022.

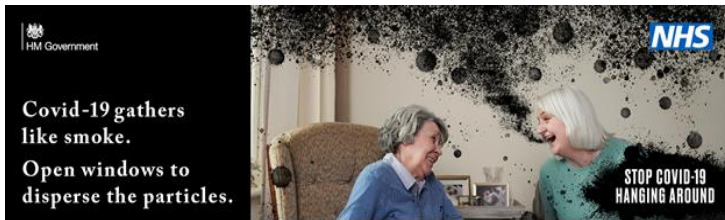
For more information please visit:-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/frs-continue-supporting-ambulance-crews/>

Electric blanket safety

With colder weather now kicking in, we've been reminding people about the best ways to stay safe and warm. The recent cold snap will have led people to get heaters and electric blankets out of storage. However, there has already been at least one fire involving an electric blanket this winter, so please follow this advice if you're intending to warm your bed this way:

- Folding up electric blankets damages the internal wiring, so store them flat or rolled up instead.
- Check the wiring and plug on your blanket before using it, to make sure there is no fraying or damage.
- Unplug blankets before you get into bed, unless they have a thermostat control for safe all-night use.
- Never use hot water bottles in the same bed as an electric blanket, even if the blanket is switched off.
- Make sure you have smoke alarms fitted on every level of your home, and test them regularly.



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More home safety advice is on our website, www.dwfire.org.uk



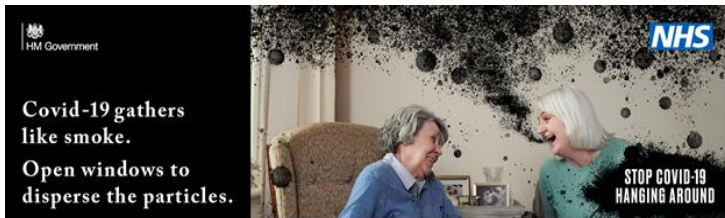
Waste site fire near Devizes

It took more than two and a half days to extinguish a fire involving some 300 tonnes of residual waste at a recycling centre on the outskirts of Devizes, which started on 17 November.

Firefighters worked through the night to contain the fire, supported by on-site staff who used loading shovel machinery to create fire breaks in the pile of waste.

Because of the size of the waste heap affected, the cause of the fire remains unknown.





Motorcycle safety focus of fire station display

Firefighters at Stratton fire station are again supporting the Christmas road safety campaign with a dramatic visual display.

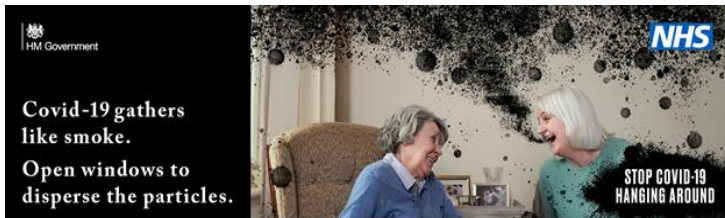
This year's road traffic collision reconstruction, at the fire station in Highworth Road, involves a car and a motorbike, kindly provided by Grist Environmental. There is also a banner that says: "Don't get smashed – don't drink and drive".



Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service runs Biker Down Wiltshire, which is a free course available to motorcyclists and motorcycle clubs in Wiltshire and Swindon. A similar programme is available in the Dorset area, organised by the DocBike project.

Whether you ride your motorbike with a group of friends or on your own, there may be a time when you are the first person at the scene of a fallen biker. Injured motorcyclists need to be dealt with in a specific manner as it can be easy to cause them further injury, particularly by removing a crash helmet unnecessarily, or in the wrong way.

For further information, visit www.dwfire.org.uk/biker-down



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Total Fire Calls for Melksham Fire Station for period 1/12/21 – 26/02/22:-

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	24
No. of Fires	Chimney – 1 Fire in the open – 2 Car fire – 1 Kitchen fire - 1
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	RTC – 2 Bariatric rescue – 1 Minor release – 1 Dangerous structure – 1 Person locked in – 1 Gain entry - 1
Total	36

Local Incidents of Note

There have been no incidents of note within the Melksham Fire Station response area for the reporting period.

A local recruitment campaign has been conducted and as a result 5 people are currently going undertaking selection tests to become firefighters at Melksham Fire Station.

David Geddes

Station Manager

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	Melksham CATG – Meeting Notes for the virtual meeting held on 24th February 2022 at 16:30 hrs			
1.	Attendees and apologies			
		Attendees: Cllr Jonathon Seed (Chairman), Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Nick Holder – Melksham Area Board Mark Stansby, Martin Rose, Peter Dunford – Wiltshire Council officers Linda Roberts - Melksham Town Council Alan Baines – Melksham Without PC Colin Wade – Semington PC Malcolm Jones – Steeple Ashton PC	Area Board to note.	AB
		Apologies: Cllr Phil Alford		
2.	Notes of last meeting			
		The notes of the previous meeting held on 25 th November 2021 were presented to the Area Board on 8 th December 2021, passing all recommendations.	CATG to note.	All

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3.	Financial Position			
		The current balance for 2021/22, less previous commitments, stands at £25,855.41 (see Appendix 1).	Area Board to note	AB
4.	Top 5 Priority Schemes			
a)	6048 – Melksham Lowbourne Rd and Church Lane – request for Bus Shelters	<p>This project is to be funded in full by the Town Council.</p> <p>The job is complete with the final cost confirmed as £10,180.63.</p>	<p>Highways to issue invoice.</p> <p>MTC to check report that shelter has been damaged.</p> <p>Recommend to the Area Board that this Issue be closed.</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p>MTC</p> <p>Chair</p>
b)	6055 – Broughton Gifford - Gateways and Traffic Management measures.	<p>For construction purposes, the project was split into two phases.</p> <p>Phase 1 – installation of gates, signs, tree guards and road markings. Phase 2 – installation of the cobbled feature at location 4.</p> <p>Phase 1 is substantially complete with just the tree guards to install now that the Parish have planted their trees.</p> <p>Phase 2 commenced on 14th February and is nearing completion.</p>	<p>Slight delay to timescale due to recent storm.</p> <p>Highways to monitor progress</p>	Highways
c)	A365 Shaw Bath Road Footway improvements – funded by Section 106 monies	As previously reported, construction of the drop kerbs and footway widening at Dunch Lane has been completed.	Area Board to note	AB

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	from George Ward Gardens development.	<p>The remaining sum is to be used to resurface the length from the new drop kerb to the first field access, towards Shaw.</p> <p>This work is to take place during 22/23.</p>	Highways to action	Highways
d)	Issue 9-20-9 – Melksham Sandridge Road – request to improve footway link to Maple Close	<p>A ball park estimate was given at £6,000 but given the potential issues concerning underground services, there is a financial risk to this project which the Town Council representatives have acknowledged.</p> <p>Town Council wish to fully explore a land dedication process with the adjacent landowner to allow construction of a 2 metre wide path (recommended by highways), parallel to the carriageway. A new boundary fence / walk would need to be constructed as part of this proposal.</p>	Town Council representatives and Highways to meet with the land owner.	Town Council & Highways
e)	Active Travel Scheme - Farmers Roundabout – signing to promote use of shared use cycle route to and from Holt Road and town bridge.	<p>Scheme to be funded from a third tranche of Section 106 money from the George Ward Gardens development.</p> <p>Design work is nearing completion and the project is essentially ready to go. Signs are to be placed as shown on the location plan (Appendix 2). Key destinations are to include Shaw, Beanacre, Holt and Town centre. The Rail Station, Hub & Cafe and the Community Campus will also feature. Reference to the Campus will be initially masked out, pending the opening of this facility later this year.</p> <p>Installation will take place early in 22/23.</p>	Highways to install signs	Highways

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5.	Other Priority schemes			
a)	Melksham Dunch Lane – funded by Section 106 monies from George Ward Gardens development	Consultation on full closure over rail bridge or one way operation from east to west and new parking controls has been delayed by the Town Council due to a planning application for housing on Beanacre Road.	Consultation exercise to be expedited in the Spring Escalate as Priority Scheme	MTC AB
b)	Active Travel Scheme - Melksham Town Bridge – drop kerbs and signs.	Highways had hoped to report preliminary proposals at this meeting but unfortunately work has been further delayed due to other commitments. Preliminary design work will commence before the end of the financial year.	Area Board to note	AB
c)	Active Travel Scheme - Whitley West Hill to Top Lane – new footpath	The original request was to consider a footpath on the north side of the road (Pear Tree side), a length of approximately 360 metres. Based on the cost per metre published on our website of £265, this would give a ball park estimate in the region of £100,000, inclusive of a road closure. However additional costs would also be incurred to maintain a satisfactory drainage system. Potentially, the scheme could be broken down into shorter lengths, to be constructed over a number of years, making the cost more manageable. There is also the option to bid for funding from the Substantial Highways Schemes reserve. There are challenges to overcome to construct a path on the north side, including a narrow verge between Littleworth Lane and the Pear Tree, sections of open drainage ditches and numerous private accesses. There are potentially fewer issues	Highways to arrange a site meeting with stakeholders	Highways

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		to overcome if we were to consider a path on the southern side of the lane.		
d)	Issue 9-21-5 – Littlemarsh old section of A350 – Speeding, littering and anti-social behaviour	The Parish Council have opted to pursue road markings to include hatching to “narrow” the entrance and a SLOW marking. The work is to be included in the next round of ad-hoc road marking jobs, to take place during late Spring / early summer.	Area Board to note	AB
e)	Issue 9-21-8 – Melksham – Shared use path between Dorset Crescent and Heather Avenue – request for bollard to deter access by cars.	An order has been placed to install a bollard and this is likely to be done towards the end of March.	Area Board to note	AB
6.	Requests / Issues			
a)	Issue 9-19-9 – Bowerhill Falcon Way – Request for Bus Shelter near Kingfisher Drive for southbound travel.	<p>The Parish propose to install a 3 bay shelter measuring 3.06 m x 1.3m which will be RTI compatible. The cost to construct a base (3.5m x 1.5m) complete with electrical ducting and connecting chamber is estimated in the region of £2,500 to £3,000, and the Parish has offered to pay a third of the cost.</p> <p>Heron Homes are confirmed as the land owner but they are prepared to dedicate this area, either to Wiltshire Council or the Parish Council. Highways are prepared to adopt the land but CATG funds cannot be used to fund all of the legal costs.</p>	<p>MWPC has re-committed itself to the project. Supports the land transfer and agrees in principle to cover some legal costs.</p> <p>A budget to be prepared showing all financial liabilities.</p> <p>Highways to check for any previous Section 106 agreements concerning this land.</p>	<p>MWPC/ WC</p> <p>Highways</p>

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b)	Issue 9-19-11 – Bowerhill Portal Road – Request for Bowerhill nameplate and white gates	<p>Parish Council to liaise with Dick Lovett who has purchased the site adjoining the path.</p> <p>Development work now fully underway and the Parish report that in principle, Dick Lovett is amiable to donating space for a gateway feature.</p>	<p>No funding required from CATG at this time.</p> <p>Parish to monitor progress.</p>	MWPC
c)	Issue 9-20-3 - A350 Western Way – Pedestrian safety at signal controlled crossing on dual carriageway section.	<p>Crossing to be upgraded as part of a Re-allocation of Road Space project and Section 106 funding. Safety notices have already been installed.</p> <p>A suitable surface type has been chosen for the byway to accommodate cyclists, equestrians and walkers and details of this will be issued to the local Councils in due course. There is to be no additional lighting units installed along the by-way.</p> <p>At the Melksham end, design work is underway to alter the current road crossing arrangement at the splitter island leading into Berryfield. This will include changes to the Zebra Crossing which Highways are proposing to convert into a Parallel Crossing, which can be used by both cyclists and pedestrians. This is subject to a formal consultation which is to commence on 25th February.</p> <p>There is a provisional timetable for construction although this is far from set in stone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 – Devizes Road, Hilperton to byway entrance 21/03 – 15/04 includes widening of existing shared use path 	<p>Semington PC not consulted on the surface of the BOAT (by-way open to all traffic) despite assurances from WC to the contrary.</p> <p>Martin Rose reported that Atkins is producing a briefing note. He will ensure that proper consultation is held with the PC – not presentation of a “fait accompli”.</p>	Highways

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2 – Byways from Hilperton to Semington 19/04 – 13/05 includes surfacing work Phase 3 - Semington Rd Zebra 13/05 – 03/06 includes removal of existing Zebra, widening of footway, changes to central island, short section of cycle track through verge and installation of a parallel crossing. Phase 4 - A350 Toucan Crossing 06/06 - 1/07 includes widening the crossing points, changing the distance between crossings and upgrade of signal equipment. 		
d)	Issue 9-22-1 – Melksham Footway linking Hazelwood Road & St Michaels Road – Request for lighting	<p>New Issue submitted by Cllr Hubbard and Melksham Town Council.</p> <p>Lighting can be provided at an estimated ball park cost of between £3,500 for 1 overhead lighting column and £6,000 for 3 low level lighting units.</p>	Highways to obtain estimate for 1 overhead column and confirm placement of this unit	Highways
e)	Issue 9-22-2 – Melksham Union Street – Request for 20 mph speed limit assessment	<p>New Issue submitted by Melksham Town Council</p> <p>Speed limit assessments are currently charged at a fixed fee of £2,500.</p> <p>Cllr Sankey stated that residents have been concerned about road safety here for a number of years and the Town Council & Highways had considered many different proposals. Town Council supports the residents concerns and believes that a 20 mph speed limit is the best way forward.</p>	Highways to deploy a Speed Detector Radar device to gain comparable data.	Highways

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		Highways officers questioned the accuracy of the speed limit data obtained by the Town Council (through Wiltshire Council), as the summary of recorded speeds did not tally.		
7.	Other items			
a)	Pavement and Footway Improvement Schemes	<p>The Area Highway Engineer can confirm that work has been completed at the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windror Avenue Melksham • Kennedy Avenue, Whitley • Longford Road, Melksham <p>Repairs are also due to take place at Philip Close, near Littlejohn Avenue in Melksham.</p> <p>An update on the link between Union Street and King George V Playing Field is anticipated by the next CATG meeting</p>	Area Board to note	AB
b)	Deadline for submitting CATG Requests.	<p>All requests are to be submitted two weeks prior to a meeting taking place. Requests received after the deadline will be held until the following meeting.</p> <p>The deadline for our next meeting is therefore 21st April 2022.</p>	To note	All
8.	Dates for future meetings: 5th May 2022, 4th August 2022, 27th October 2022 and 2nd February 2023, all commencing at 16:30 hrs – venue / format to be advised			

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Melksham Community Area Transport Group

Highways Officer – Mark Stansby

1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the CATG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

2. Financial Implications

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Melksham Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with CATG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Melksham Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of **£25,855.41**

3. Legal Implications

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

6. Safeguarding implications

6.1 There are no specific Safeguarding implications related to this report.

7. Recommendations to Melksham Area Board

7.1 To close the following Issues: 6048 Melksham Bus Shelters

7.2 To add the following Issues to the Priority Schemes A List: Melksham Dunch Lane (Section 106 funded project)

Melksham CATG expenditure 2021 / 22 as of 16/02/22

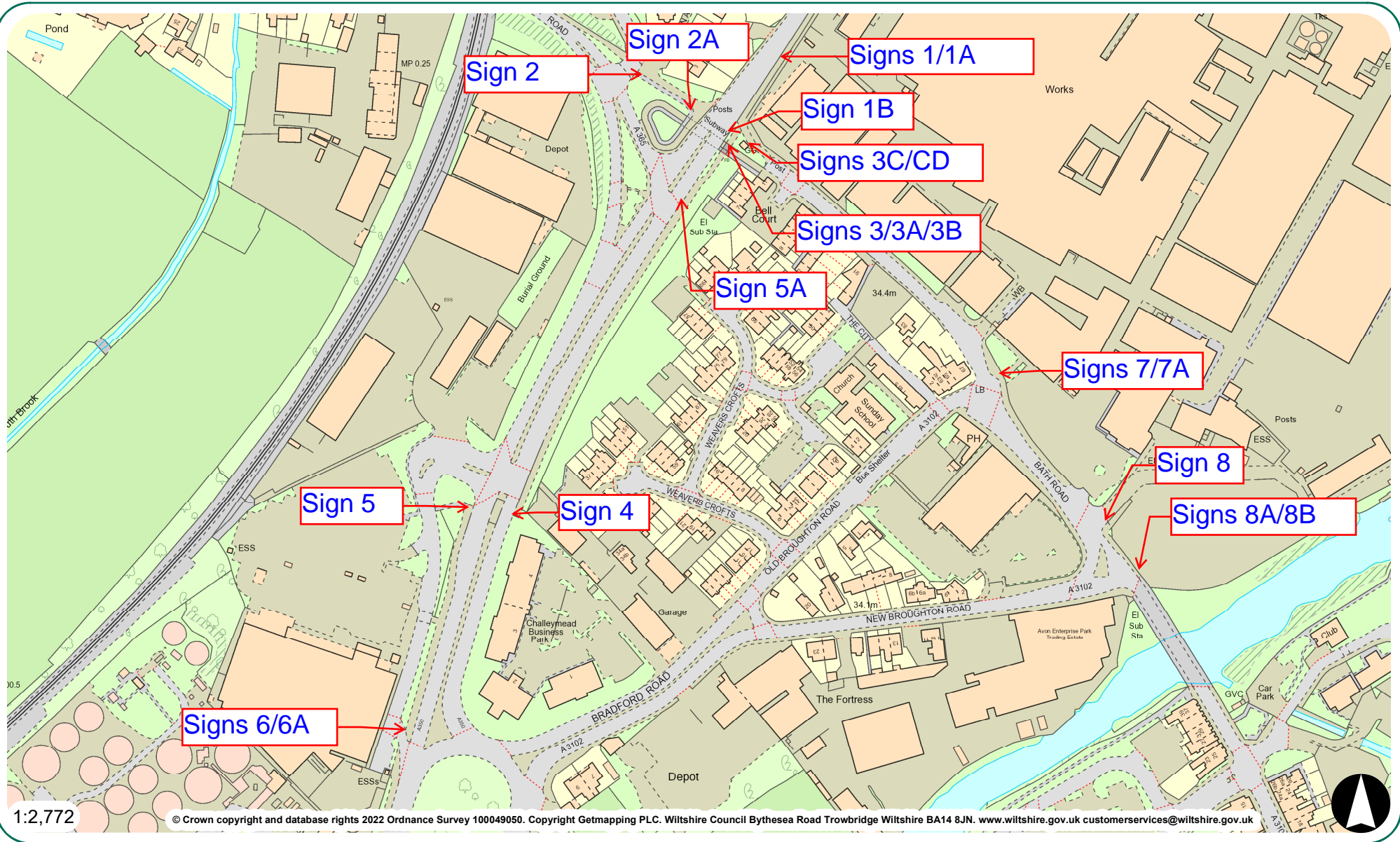
Budget £12,169 + £29,310.10 c/fwd = £41,479.10

Scheme	Estimate	CATG Commitment	Expenditure	Projected Spend
Broughton Gifford Traffic Management Measures	£25,000.00	£12,500.00	£5,735.16 Interim	£25,000.00
Melksham Bus Shelters Lowbourn & Church Lane	£11,150.00	£nil	£10,180.63 Final	£10,180.63
Melksham Old Broughton Road – drop kerbs	£5,500.00	£2,750.00	£2,885.68 Final	£2,885.68
Melksham Sandridge / Maple Footway CAT survey	£450.00 (Ball Park)	£450.00	£208.79 Final	£208.79
Melksham Bath Road / Union St bollards	£1,500.00 (Ball Park)	£750.00	£1,010.11 Final	£1,010.11
A365 Shaw / Dunch Lane Footway improvements	£25,000.00	£nil	£4,922.46 Final	£4,922.46
Steeple Ashton Ground Sockets for SID	£1,000.00 (ball park)	£500.00	£934.00 Final	£934.00
Semington Littlemarsh Road Markings	£500.00 (ball park)	£250.00	£0,000.00	£500.00
Melksham Heather Avenue Bollard	£500.00 (ball park)	£250.00	£0,000.00	£500.00
Totals	£70,600.00	£17,450.00	£25,876.83	£46,141.67

Budget	£41,479.10
Projected Spend	£46,141.67
Balance	-£4,662.57
Plus Contributions	£30,517.98
Current Balance	£25,855.41

Contributions

Broughton Gifford TM Measures	£12,500.00	Broughton Gifford Parish Council – invoice upon completion
Melksham Bus Shelters	£10,180.63	Melksham Town Council – to be invoiced
Melksham Broughton Rd drop kerbs	£1,442.84	Melksham Town Council – invoice issued
Melksham Bath Road bollards	£505.05	Melksham Town Council – to be invoiced
A365 Shaw / Dunch Lane footway	£4,922.46	Section 106 Fund
Steeple Ashton ground sockets	£467.00	Steeple Ashton Parish Council – to be invoiced
Semington Littlemarsh markings	£250.00	Semington Parish Council – invoice upon completion
Melksham Haether Avenue bollard	£250.00	Melksham Town Council – invoice upon completion
Total	£30,517.98	



Note of Melksham Area Board Health and Wellbeing Group held on

Tuesday 22 February 2022 at Melksham Town Hall

1. Present

Cllr Nick Holder (Chairman), Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Peter Dunford – Melksham Area Board

David Walker – Melksham Carers' Champion

Patsy Clover – Melksham Town Council

Teresa Strange - Melksham Without Parish Council

Dr Claire Rigby, Amanda Brookes - Melksham and Bradford on Avon Primary Care Network

Moira Conroy, Jackie Maton - Social Prescribers, Primary Care Network

Rebecca Seymour – Celebrating Age Wiltshire

Sue Denmark - Care Home Volunteers

Jo Woodsford – Healthwatch Wiltshire

Louisa Lewis, Dee McLeod – Melksham Free Dining

John Firth – That Meeting Space

Sarah-Toshi Parsons – interested person

2. Apologies: Chris Pickett (Mens Shed), Ashley Harris (Carer Support Wiltshire), Chris Guest (Blenheim House), Stephany Bardzil (Alzheimers Support), Sarah Cardy (Age UK Wiltshire), Emma Cade (WC Wellbeing and Prevention Service), Cllr Phil Alford (Melksham Area Board)

3. Introductions

All briefly introduced themselves.

4. Carers and Caring

The Chairman introduced David Walker who has been appointed by the Area Board as “Carers Champion for Melksham”.

David talked movingly about his personal journey of caring for 12 years for his wife who had early-onset Alzheimers, about trying to navigate the myriad care support

networks and about the loneliness and endless patience required for a 24/7 unpaid caring role. Also about the deep sense of emptiness in life when your loved one passes away and the emotional, physical and financial impacts of loss. David's slides are appended with this note of the meeting.

David will be discussing his role with stakeholders to agree a small number of targeted activities in support of carers. He will publicise his work through the local press and will make himself available to speak to local groups about his experiences. Quick wins might include the establishment of a "carers café" and information events around Carers Week in June .

The Chairman reminded the group that the Melksham Area Board has agreed to fund an event for Young Carers as a "thank you" for their important work, much of which goes unnoticed. It is hoped to hold the event at the new Community Campus in October half term this year, hopefully offering free use of the sporting facilities. The funds will also pay for Agency staff to cover the time duration of the event, so that the young person can relax for few hours in the knowledge that the person they care for is in good hands. Local businesses will be approached to see if any of them are prepared to provide sponsorship for a gift for each of the young carers.

ACTION: Melksham Area Board to agree a focus for the Carers Champion role at its forthcoming meeting on 9 March

ACTION: Further discussions with stakeholders to be held around the proposed Young Carers event, including with young carers themselves

5. Groups and Activities for Older People in Melksham

Moira Conroy shared a listing that she has compiled of groups and activities for older people in Melksham which includes lunch clubs, day centres, friendship groups, church groups, dementia support, fitness, singing, walking and other social activities. This mostly covers the town, but not most of the villages, and provides a constantly evolving record from which to build a local directory.

Moira, Jackie and other "social prescribing" colleagues often bring elderly and vulnerable clients along to these sessions and report the transformative impact on their health and wellbeing of having human contact and the chance to develop new friendships.

A recurring issue that is reported, however, is the lack of transport to take the old and vulnerable to attend these local activities.

ACTION: Discussions to be held with LINK and the community bus to publicise the community transport options available.

ACTION: Peter Dunford, with others, to keep the directory up to date and to include activities and services in the villages local to Melksham

6. Melksham and Bradford on Avon Primary Care Network

Dr Claire Rigby and Amanda Brookes provided an update on the work of the PCN which covers 48,000 patients registered with the primary care practices at Spa and Giffords surgeries in Melksham and in Bradford on Avon.

A fantastic service continues to be delivered under very trying circumstances, including delivery of 90,000 vaccines at the clinic at the Spencers Sports and Social Club. The combined pressures of COVID, staff shortages and population growth in the local area has resulted in a 40% rise in demand for doctor appointments. New “social prescribing”, “health and wellbeing” and “carers champions” posts have been created as a response to a growing focus on delivering care in the community.

A review of the NHS estate has been delayed but is underway with decisions expected soon on plans for new capacity at doctors surgeries as well as the future of hospital sites at Chippenham and at Melksham being determined. Cllr Holder has spoken to Simon Yeo, NHS Estates Manager, who has agreed to come to present the new plans to the group once these are in the public domain.

ACTION: Simon Yeo and NHS locality lead, Elizabeth Disney, to be invited to speak to a future meeting.

7. Celebrating Age Wiltshire

Rebecca Seymour gave an update on the delivery of a programme of lottery-funded arts, music and theatre in the Melksham area. Events over the past year have had to be mostly outdoor and socially distanced: “doorstep concerts” for elderly and vulnerable clients; a Christmas concert at the Riverside Club; 1-2-1 “creative conversations”; and “noticing nature” art classes held at That Meeting Space. A programme of Spring outdoor concerts is coming, as is a theatre afternoon with afternoon tea at the Riverside Club on 29 March.

Jonathon Seed asked for more activities to be held in the villages.

ACTION: Rebecca Seymour to discuss opportunities for delivery of events in village halls and other more rural settings.

8. That Meeting Space

John Firth described how the Good News Church had taken on the lease of the former Art House Café and set it up as a space for use by the church and the community. In addition to religious activities, in a short space of time the centre has helped to facilitate a number of community events: drop-in socials for older people; “tech savvy” sessions for IT support; bereavement counselling; a singalong group; a book club; and “noticing nature” art sessions.

Future plans include a memory café in association with Alzheimers Support and a drop-in for ex-military personnel.

ACTION: Discuss possible grant funding from the Area Board, including for piloting a “Carers Café”

9. Health and Wellbeing Grant application:

Melksham Free Dining requesting £1,700 for the “Coming Together to Dine With Us” project to support the costs of free lunches and after-meal social activities for the elderly and vulnerable

Louisa Lewis and Dee McLeod outlined their bid for financial support to provide a free two course nutritious lunch to Melksham residents and the surrounding areas, with the option to stay after the meal and join in the social activities, interact with others and ask for advice on personal matters. Grant support will help with consumables, catering equipment, transportation and communication costs.

The charity, which is awaiting accreditation with the Charities Commission, is focused on addressing food poverty, loneliness and social isolation among the vulnerable elderly population, delivering its lunches at Bowerhill Village Hall every Wednesday. As well as providing a nutritious meal and social activities, its DBS-checked volunteers provide a support network with signposting and aftercare services to its clients.

Meals are provided free of charge with no donations taken and all staff work without pay as volunteers. The average attendance is 42 people per lunch session. The cost price is £3 per person per meal which means that this grant application would provide for approximately 12 weeks service.

Grants and sponsorship have been, or are being, secured from the Town Council, Parish Council, Happy Circle Day Centre, Almshouses Trust and from private individuals. Sponsorship in kind has come from the Reefa Tandoori.

Cllrs Seed and Sankey were very supportive of the initiative and suggested that a larger grant might be appropriate in order to guarantee a longer term sustainability for the service.

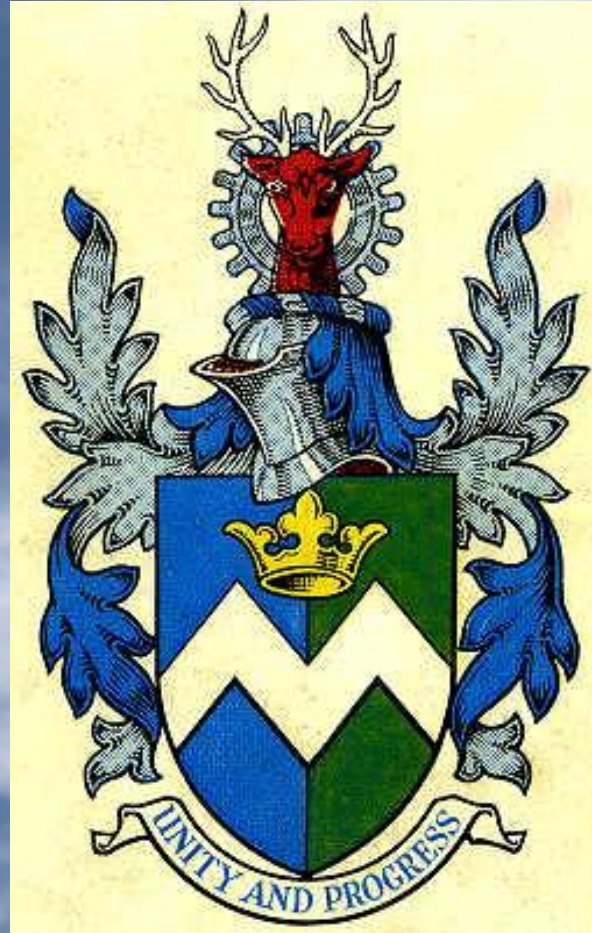
Cllr Holder asked about the needs assessment of those attending and whether they were genuinely vulnerable and in food poverty. Dee confirmed that no checks are carried out but that “we know our clients and it finds its own level, with those who can afford to buy their own lunch soon doing so elsewhere”.

After questions all members declared themselves supportive of the application.

RECOMMENDATION: The Melksham Health and Wellbeing Group recommends that Melksham Free Dining be awarded £1,700 for the “Coming Together to Dine With Us” project to support the costs of free lunches and after-meal social activities for the elderly and vulnerable

Note taken by Peter Dunford, Community Engagement Manager

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But first a quiz...

- **If the answer is 14, 600,000 in 0.69 sec.**
 - **What was the question?**

Suggestions at the end of the presentation.

No prizes!

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MILD

The cogs still go round



MODERATE

**Some of the cogs
don't mesh anymore**



SEVERE

The cogs stop turning

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**It's like fighting a battle
when you can't see the enemy.**



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Someone who cares (unpaid) for family or friends who have a disability, illness or who needs support in later life:

Washing them. And their laundry. And their dishes. And keeping appointments.

And records. And tempers. And giving medicine. And time. And hugs.

And filling forms. And filling fridges. And filling silences. And dealing with doctors.

And nurses. And pharmacists. And social workers. And benefits agencies.

And care workers. And family. And friends. And a lack of sleep.

And patience – a lot of patience.



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6–12 June 2022

Clouds over Melksham – David Walker 2020

CARING IS NOT A STRATEGY

Caring is being passionate about...
opening minds, getting started, encouraging development,
gaining insight, exploring parameters, identifying desires,
harnessing energy, inspiring people, moving forward,
increasing options, creating breakthroughs,
having fun, building relationships, developing skills,
sowing thoughts, achieving goals, reviewing effectiveness,
relaxing potential, facing fears, generating happiness,
taking responsibility, enjoying learning, overcoming obstacles,
building teams, facilitating success, believing in choices,
caring about others, and

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

APPLAUSE

Report To	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 09 March 2022
Title of Report	Melksham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Melksham Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young person's grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through subgroups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For <u>2021/22</u>	£ 44,617.00	£ 18,353.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 36,947.88	£ 5,000.00	£ 1,884.65
Current Balance	£ 7,669.12	£ 13,353.00	£ 5,815.35
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -£1,080.88	£ 7,248.50	£ 4,115.35

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG374	Community Area Grant	Friends of Shurnhold Fields	WW1 Wood replenishment	£1500.00	£750.00
<p>Project Summary: We currently have a tree nursery with nearly 200 saplings which have been donated by the Woodland Trust at no cost to us. They were planted Nov 2020 to help bring them on with a view to replanting them in the WW1 wood as replacements for the saplings that died as well as the general area.</p>					
ABG451	Community Area Grant / Youth Grant	Spurgeons	Canberra Centre Parent Support Project and Community Garden Project	£3000.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: There are two areas of need / projects we are applying for. For the first we will integrate parent support alongside the 'Teen Talk' counselling sessions that are already taking place at Canberra 4Youth for 6-13-year-olds. This will be a 6-week group parenting course for up to 10 parents of the children who are having counselling to ensure that they have basic strategies to support their children through the difficulties that they are going through. 2 x Spurgeons staff will work with a staff member of Canberra 4Youth to deliver this. For the second project Spurgeons will create a community garden behind the Canberra Children's Centre in Melksham - which runs a wide range of community activities including family support workshops, information services for families, activities, clubs and classes. The garden will be a focal point for community members to create, work together and meet new people, with a focus on supporting children to learn more about nature and the outdoors, promoting positive mental and physical healthy activities.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG454	Youth Grant	Melksham Amateur Swimming Club	Vital swim teacher training	£750.00	£750.00
<p>Project Summary: We require suitably qualified swimming teachers and assistants to run our sessions and we lost several due to the pandemic and we will be losing a few more in September when they go to university. We urgently need to fund the training for new volunteers in order to keep our sessions running.</p>					
ABG469	H&WB Grant	Melksham Free Dining	Coming Together to Dine with Us	£3500.00	£1700.00
<p>Project Summary: Financial support to maintain our ability to provide a FREE two course nutritious lunch to Melksham residents and the surrounding areas, with the option to stay after the meal and join in the social activities, interact with others and ask for advice on personal matters. This charitable organisation has been set up for all vulnerable adults, in particular the elderly from all walks of life, to enjoy a nutritious FREE lunch. Grant support will help with consumables, catering equipment, transportation and communication costs.</p>					
ABG459	Youth Grant	4Youth South West	Expansion and delivery of Seniors youth club for young people in Y9 and above aged 13 to 19	£9709.00	£4854.50
<p>Project Summary: To re-open the open access Seniors Youth Club on Thursday evening's from 6:30pm till 9pm for young people aged 13-19. The club will provide a place where young people can go and meet young people and mix with others with a mixed of activities such as cooking, arts and crafts, guest visits and sports. These activities will be delivered alongside informal educational issue-based provision and support that address a wide range issue base topics that affect young people.</p>					
ABG467	Community Area Grant	Bowerhill Scout Group	Scout and About	£14000.00	£7000.00
<p>Project Summary: New Scout minibus. In 2019 the group applied for a grant for a £9,000.00 minibus. Our last application was for support in purchasing a replace minibus, requesting £4,500 at the end of 2019. Unfortunately, there was not enough money in the pot but were kindly awarded £1,900. Sadly, we were then thrown into the grips of lockdowns, pandemics, school closures and massive disruption. Thankfully the group started up again in May 2021 but with no activity for over a year and zero subs/funding, we have struggled to gain momentum. As of the end of 2021, we now have four sections up and running covering ages from 6-18. We still have the £1,900 grant issued in 2019 as we were unable to buy or sell without knowing the future of youth activities in the post (are we post yet) pandemic. The original project we were embarking on was to create a fund of £9,00.00 to purchase a second hand 17-seater minibus. As secondhand vehicles seem to have a higher premium these days, the project may now be out of date and undervalued. This coupled with a lack of funds and group fundraising during lockdown leaves us short of our goal.</p>					

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- ◆ Community Area Grants (capital)
- ◆ Young People (revenue)
- ◆ Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Bath and North East Somerset,
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Clinical Commissioning Group

Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

February 2022

Covid-19 vaccinations

As at 9 February 2022, more than 2.1 million Covid-19 vaccinations have been given out at sites across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire.

Since the beginning of 2022, more than 3,000 adults have come forward for their first vaccination. This is partly due to the innovative ways in which the vaccination offer has been taken to the heart of people's communities. Pop-up vaccine clinics have taken place in sports clubs, community centres, places of worship and even pubs thus removing previous barriers to uptake including inconvenience and proximity to a site.

Children aged between five and 11-years-old, who are deemed to be clinically extremely vulnerable, can now get a single dose of the Covid-19 vaccine from more than a dozen venues across the region. Efforts to make settings as comfortable as possible for this audience are being offered including 'Superhero' themed child environments at Salisbury City Hall, that also have therapy dogs for the children to cuddle and play with.

More than 30,000 secondary school children have received a first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, and more than 10,000 have had a second. This means the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire area is leading the way in vaccinating 12 to 15-year-olds, with current uptake being the highest in the south west. Children in this age group are being offered the vaccine in school but can also get the jab at evenings and weekends from venues such as Salisbury City Hall.

Walk-in vaccination appointments are still available at a number of sites. Pre-booking at many venues is no longer a requirement. It is hoped that by removing the booking process, people who may have been putting off getting vaccinated, perhaps due to work, home or other commitments, will find it easier to get protected.

All vaccination centres, including those that offering walk-ins, are listed on NHS England's national Find My Nearest Walk-in Vaccination service.

Those using the online tool will be able to see a list of the vaccination centres closest to them by entering their postcode in the search box.

Current pressures on local health and care system

The health and care system in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire continues to face enormous pressure. A main contributing cause is Care Home capacity issues as a result of Covid-19 which directly impacts on discharge flow for Wiltshire patients out of hospitals.

A number of initiatives have been implemented to alleviate pressure and help with flow through Salisbury hospital by discharging patients who are well enough to go home. These include:

- The commissioning of 7 beds at South Newton Hospital for admissions until the end of March 2022.
- Supporting the wider CCG system to open and effectively use additional capacity in Bath, including a Care Hotel and opening additional capacity on a community ward at St Martin's Hospital in Bath.
- Working with the provider, Abicare, to maximise the use of additional Live In Carers.
- Collaboration with Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Health and Care on several initiatives including the provision of two CCG colleagues to the Wiltshire Flow Hub and an area-wide call-to-arms to support additional domiciliary care provision as part of the Council's Support at Home service.

Appeals to the public to support services during this difficult time are ongoing. The main messages being for people to use our health services appropriately, support hospitals by collecting loved ones as soon as they are ready to go home, using our pharmacies for help and support wherever possible and using the online 111 service in the first instance.

Wiltshire Link Schemes

Wiltshire Link Schemes are community-based, volunteer run charities which aim to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged, elderly or infirm people by providing transport and 'good neighbour' services.

Link schemes help to keep local communities connected to vital services, by connecting volunteer drivers (using their own cars), with passengers who have limited access to transport. Depending on volunteer availability, this can involve taking someone to a medical appointment, taking them shopping or providing 'good neighbour' services like prescription collection.

There are currently 42 schemes in Wiltshire supported by 1,567 volunteers. Together in 2021 alone, they completed over 23,136 everyday tasks and offered over 81,000 hours of support. The economic value of the schemes in 2021 was over £1million pounds.

Further information on the scheme can be found at www.communityfirst.org.uk/transport/link/

Our Shaping a Healthier Future – Health and Care Model Consultation

Our Shaping a Healthier Future public engagement programme to seek local people's views on our developing health and care model concluded in mid-December. The model sets out what health and care services will be like for people in the next ten years and will provide a framework to ensure we take a coordinated approach to how we design and plan services across our partner organisations.

People across BSW have shared their thoughts and opinions by taking part in a short survey online and by attending in-person engagement events. Around 750 people completed our survey and almost than 1,200 people attended workshops and interviews.

The completed findings and recommendations will be presented at a forthcoming BSW Partnership Board on 25 February 2022 that will be held in Public, with supporting papers being available on the CCG website on the 18 February. A further dissemination plan will then follow. Please visit the CCG website for further information: www.bswpartnership.nhs.uk/about-us/shaping-a-healthier-future

Oximetry

The oximetry service in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG is going from strength to strength. The service enables clinically vulnerable patients with Covid-19 who are isolating at home to measure their own oxygen levels and send data into local hospitals for monitoring.

If clinicians spot any early warning signs in terms of low blood oxygen levels – which can lead to complications and poor outcomes – the patient can then be admitted to hospital where they can receive treatment.

The remote home oximetry service is supported through collaboration between a number of health and care partners including hospitals, Medvivo and the West of England Academic Health Science Network.

Annual Health Checks for people with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) and learning disability

The Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG are launching new initiatives to encourage people to come forward for their Annual Health Check (AHC). The AHC is offered to people with learning disabilities and also those living with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) as a recognised, evidenced method of improving their health. They are vital to ensure that these patients remain safe and clinically well, and also to inform the review and update of the patients' health action plan.

People living with severe mental illness (SMI)¹ face one of the greatest health inequality gaps in England. The life expectancy for people with SMI is 15–20 years lower than the general population. This disparity in health outcomes is partly due to physical health needs being overlooked. Smoking is the largest avoidable cause of premature death, with more than 40% of adults with SMI smoking. Individuals with SMI also have double the risk of obesity and diabetes, three times the risk of hypertension and metabolic syndrome, and five times the risk of dyslipidaemia (imbalance of lipids in the bloodstream) than the general population.

Poor uptake for health checks is proven to lead to earlier diagnoses of life limiting conditions and leave individuals with poorer health outcomes should they succumb to COVID-19.

In response, First Option Healthcare have been commissioned to support local GP surgeries with AHCs and have already completed over 1300 health checks since they started in February 2021. The BSW team are leading a focused effort in reaching children and young people, working with Special Schools across Wiltshire to be able to extend the offer and offer AHCs in school settings. The initiatives form part of the operational plan for 45% of eligible individuals to have completed their AHC by March 2022 and further work to drive awareness of the importance of having and access to AHCs is being planned.

Devizes Health Centre

The construction of the Devizes Health Centre has now passed the half way point and is on track to open later this summer. Devizes Health Centre will be one of the region's first integrated care centres with several organisations coming together to provide a range of health services from one building. Healthwatch Wiltshire are currently conducting a survey to collect thoughts on service provision covering aspects such as opening times and what services would be desired at the centre. The survey is open until 20 March 22 and can be accessed at: <https://www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/news/2022-02-03/devizes-residents-asked-their-views-town's-new-health-centre>

Integrated Care Board

As we move towards the establishment of the Integrated Care System (ICS) on a statutory footing on 1 July 2022, we welcomed Sue Harriman to the CCG in February 2022 as Chief Executive Designate of the BSW Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB) and are making good progress with the recruitment to other roles on the Integrated Care Board.

Sue brings a wealth of NHS experience. She joins from the Solent NHS Trust where she was Chief Executive for eight years. Whilst at Solent she took up a six-month

secondment at Chief Operating Officer for the national Covid-19 vaccination deployment programme.

Following more than 16 years of clinical experience gained from working as a nurse in the Royal Navy, Sue joined the NHS in 2002 as a nurse consultant in infection prevention. Since that time, Sue has held various executive roles within the NHS, including as a Director of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director before becoming Chief Executive at Solent NHS Trust. Under her leadership, Solent NHS Trust achieved an improved Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating, from 'requires improvement' to good overall with outstanding in the caring domain.

Sue was appointed to the Chief Executive Designate position last November and has now officially started her new job which will see her work with health and care partner organisations and VCSE groups across BSW to improve outcomes in population health and healthcare; tackle health inequalities in patient outcomes, experience and access; enhance productivity and value for money and support broader social and economic in the local area.

As regards other roles for the ICS, recruitment for four of the five the Non-Executive roles has also completed. Appointments are in the process of being finalised for the Non-Executive Director roles covering Audit, Public & Community Engagement, Quality and Remuneration & People. Further information on the appointments will be made available shortly. An appointment was not made for the role covering Finance and this will be re-advertised.

Recruitment for the Integrated Care Board Director positions for Medical, Planning & Performance, Strategy & Transformation and Chief Nurse is also underway with the closing date for applications being the 28 February. Recruitment for the Director of Place roles will commence at the start of March.

BSW Partnership Board

The BSW Partnership Board will hold its next meeting in public on 25th February 2022. Members of the public are welcome to attend as observers to find out more about the BSW Partnership, our progress, and our plans for the future.

The meeting will be from 9am to 12pm and will be held virtually via Zoom.

You can request to attend and observe the meeting in public and submit a question to the BSW Partnership Board by emailing bswccg.partnership@nhs.net.

Make a difference to health and care services by joining our Board

Healthwatch Wiltshire is looking for people with a passion for health and social care services to join its Local Leadership Board.

The Board is the driving force behind Healthwatch Wiltshire's commitment to ensure the voices of adults, children and young people are heard by those who run, plan and regulate health and social care services in the county.

Applications are now open for two new members, one of which will take on the role of Deputy Chair of the Board.

Alan Mitchell, Healthwatch Wiltshire Chair, said: "We're looking for people who are willing to give their time and energy to Healthwatch and work to prioritise the issues that are most important to the people of Wiltshire.

"You might be a service user or carer, have a background in the NHS or social care services, or just have a keen interest in seeing services improved."

As a Board member, you'll need to be able to make sense of complex information and be a good strategic thinker.

You'll also need to be a strong team player, being both a good listener and be able to speak up on issues that you feel are important.

As Deputy Chair, you'll be working closely with the Chair and the Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager to attend multi-agency health and care meetings on behalf of the Board and chair meetings in the absence of the Chair.

Stacey Sims, Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager,



said: "As members of the Healthwatch Wiltshire team, our volunteers and board members are our ambassadors and use every opportunity to promote our work, share our successes, raise our profile and hear more experiences of health and care. We're looking forward to welcoming some new faces to our team."

Apply now

For more information about the role, go to the Local Leadership Board page on our website: healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/our-board.

To apply, please send your CV and cover letter to our Human Resources team at hrsupport@helpandcare.org.uk.

If you would like an informal chat about the role with the Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager or one of the current Board members, please email info@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk.

The closing date for applications is 12pm on **10 March 2022**. Interviews will be held on **16 March 2022**.

